

For More Information

Washington State Noxious

Weed Control Board

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<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/weeds/index.html>



Smaller native elodea are seen here with the larger invasive Brazilian elodea to the right.

Outside their native home some plants and animals can:

- ✓ Cause billions of dollars worth of economic damage.
- ✓ Upset our region's natural and ecological balance.
- ✓ Cripple sport and commercial fisheries.
- ✓ Aquatic plants also limit many uses of the lake.
- ✓ Can corrode boat gear and decrease the value of your investment.
- ✓ Create dangerous swimming conditions.

A Boater's Guide

Are You Spreading Aquatic Invaders?



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Be a part of the solution!

- ✓ IT'S THE LAW: Don't trailer or launch your boat before removing all hitchhiking plants and animals and placing them in the trash.
- ✓ Don't discard unwanted live bait or its packing into the water.
- ✓ Drain your engine, "live well", and bilge on land before leaving the area.
- ✓ Rinse your vessel, trailer, and equipment.
- ✓ Air dry your vessel and equipment for as long as possible.
- ✓ Don't release unwanted aquarium plants or animals into our waters.
- ✓ Avoid docking or beaching your vessel in reeds, plants and grasses.

Introducing non-native species into Washington waters can upset the balance of the ecosystem.

Aquatic nuisance species such as New Zealand mud snails most often spread between waterways by hitching a ride on vessels and trailers. When transplanted into new waters, these organisms proliferate, displacing native species and damaging our precious natural resources.



Plant 'hitchhikers' you may encounter:

Brazilian Elodea

Parrotfeather

Eurasian Watermilfoil

Fragrant Waterlily

Purple Loosestrife

Japanese or Giant Knotweed

Fanwort

Hydrilla

Water Primrose

